

National Park Service
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Activities and Amenities

Information, Souvenir and Bookstore Tents	10 am to 7pm
Food Tents	10 am to 6pm
Stage Performances	12 pm to 6 pm
Cherry Blossom Shuttle (\$1)	10 am to 7pm
Junior Ranger Activity Zone	10 am to 5pm

For Festival Information

Phone	(202) 747-3465
In Case of Emergencies	(202) 610-7500
Lost and Found	(202) 610-7500
Text 'Blossom2015' to	888777
Website	nps.gov/cherry
Twitter, Facebook and YouTube	@NationalMallNPS

Legend

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Explore The Festival With A Ranger

March 28 - April 12



Cherry Blossom Talk
Daily, Every Hour on the Hour
10:00 am - 5:00 pm
Meet at Thomas Jefferson Memorial plaza.

Walk with a Ranger
Daily
2:00 pm
Meet at Lincoln Memorial plaza.
Explore memorials and cherry blossoms on a guided walk.

Memorial Talks and Tours
Daily, Every Hour on the Hour
10 am - 9 pm
Meet at the Memorials.

Junior Ranger Activities
10:00 am - 5:00 pm
Tidal Basin Welcome Area
Complete the activity booklet to earn a Cherry Blossom Festival junior ranger badge. Join others and make your mark on the Cherry Blossom Festival Friendship Mural. Junior Ranger Booklets are also available at NPS information kiosks throughout the park.

Run with a Ranger
Saturdays
3/28, 4/4, 4/11
8:00 - 9:00 am
Meet at Washington Monument Lodge (15th St. adjacent to Washington Monument).

Pups ‘n’ Petals Dog Walk
Sundays
3/28, 4/5, 4/12
2:00 - 4:00 pm
Lincoln Memorial

Ranger Bike Tour
Saturdays and Sundays
3/28, 3/29, 4/4, 4/5, 4/11, 4/12
2:00 - 5:00 pm
Meet at Thomas Jefferson Memorial plaza. Bring your own bike, helmet, and water for a leisurely ride.

Lantern Walk
Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays
3/28, 4/2, 4/3, 4/4, 4/9, 4/10, 4/11
8:00 - 10:00 pm
Meet at National Park Service Information Tent in Tidal Basin Welcome Area. Bring your flashlight for an evening stroll.

Events



hosted by
our partners:

March 21, 2015
Opening Ceremony
The Warner Theatre – 513 13th Street NW
5:00 - 6:30 pm Free tickets required.

March 28, 2015
Blossom Kite Festival
Washington Monument Grounds
10:00 am - 4:30 pm

April 4, 2015
Southwest Waterfront Fireworks Festival
600-900 Water St., SW
1:00-9:00 pm; Fireworks start at 8:30 pm

April 11, 2015
National Cherry Blossom Festival Parade®
Constitution Ave. between 7th and 17th Streets.
10:00 am - 12:00 pm

April 11, 2015
Sakura Matsuri Japanese Street Festival
12th & Pennsylvania Ave., NW
\$10 admission, Children 12 and under free.
10:30 am - 6:00 pm

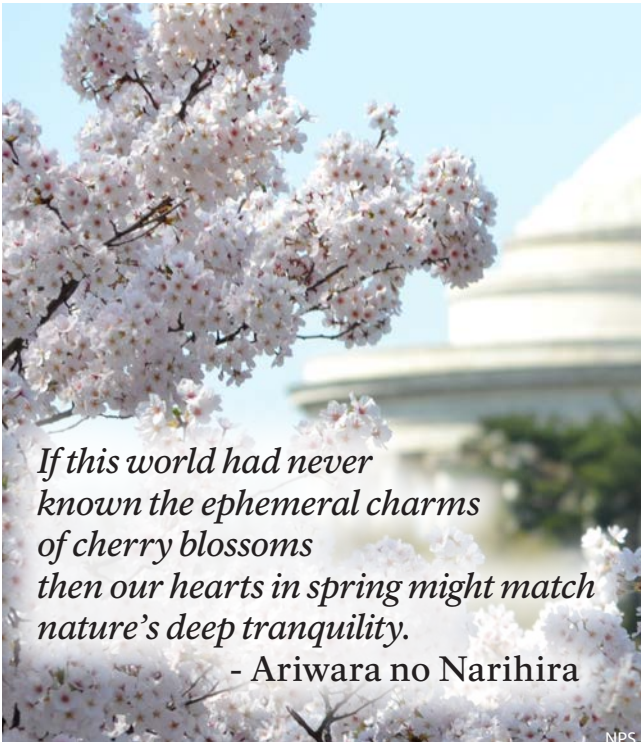
Enjoy A Beautiful Tradition

For over two decades, writer Eliza Scidmore worked to get cherry trees planted on the muddy, reclaimed land that now is home to the Lincoln and Thomas Jefferson Memorials. Scidmore eventually gained support from First Lady Helen Taft, whose influence led to a gift of trees from the people of Tokyo, Japan to the people of Washington, D.C. Taft and Japanese Viscountess Iwa Chinda planted the first cherry trees along the Tidal Basin’s north shore in a humble ceremony in 1912.

Since then, cherry trees have been propagated throughout the National Mall and Memorial Parks while trees and other reciprocal gifts have been exchanged between the United States and Japan.

The trees are a beautiful, living symbol of the friendship between our nations, and a gift that all can enjoy. Crowds gather annually to experience the majesty of these cherry trees in bloom, seeking that magical springtime moment when a walk on the park’s paths is like a walk in the clouds.

Much of the blossoms’ beauty is in our recognition that they must inevitably fall. As much as the blossoms evoke feelings of life, hope, and renewal, their falling on the breeze can remind us of the certainty that all things must end. As other cultures have done for centuries, we can recognize the same feelings of awe, exhilaration, and lament at the cherry blossoms’ ephemeral existence.



*If this world had never
known the ephemeral charms
of cherry blossoms
then our hearts in spring might match
nature’s deep tranquility.*
- Ariwara no Narihira

We Need Your Help Today!



Please help keep the park clean during the Cherry Blossom Festival and visit one of our Volunteer Today stations to pick up your trash and recycling bags. We also need your help to protect the cherry blossom trees, please do not pick blossoms or climb trees.

www.volunteer.gov

Step Into Spring!

Discover diverse and fascinating trees as you explore the Tidal Basin and beyond!

Yoshino (Prunus x yedoensis)
The most common cherry tree variety in the park comprises 70% of the total ~3,800 cherry trees.

Kwanzan (Prunus serrulata ‘Kwanzan’)
Blooms 10-14 days after the Yoshinos. Distinguished by their reddish trunks and showy, pink, double flowers.

Weeping (Prunus subhirtella var. pendula)
Drooping growth pattern.

Autumn flowering (Prunus subhirtella ‘autumnalis’)
Can bloom any time of year.

Akebono (Prunus x yedoensis ‘Akebono’)
Found near the John Ericsson Memorial and near the Cuban American Friendship Urn.

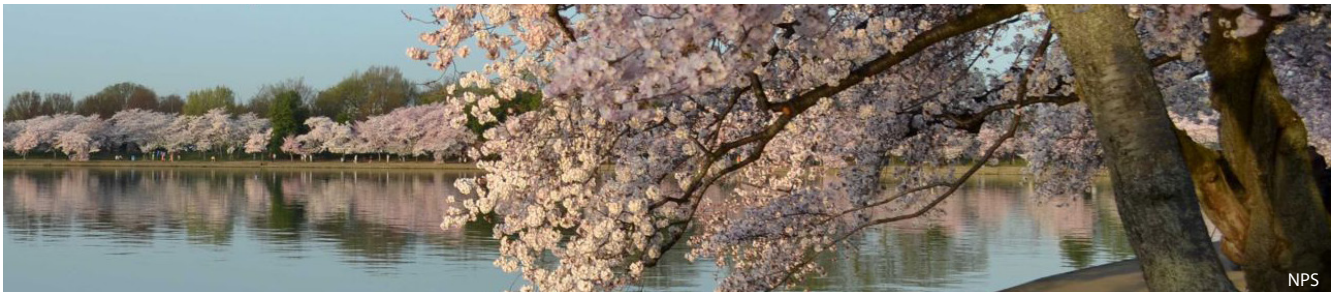
Takesimensis (Prunus takesimensis)
Found near Hains Point. More flood tolerant than other cherry varieties.

Sargent (Prunus sargentii)
Planted individually throughout East Potomac Park. Distinguished by their deep pink flowers.

Usuzumi (Prunus spachiana f. ascendens)
“Ascending” growth type; branches reach upward in a “V” with a flat top.

Fugenzo (Prunus serrulata ‘Fugenzo’)
Distinguished by their double pink flowers.

The **Shirofugen**, **Okame**, and **First Lady** varieties are each represented by a single tree.



Yoshino cherry trees ring the Tidal Basin.